



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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Los Angeles, California 90012

Director of Public Works

At its meeting held November 4, 2003, the Board took the following action:

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Supervisor Antonovich made the following statement:

“On October 26, 2003, the Grand Prix fire burned in and around the cities of Claremont and La Verne which resulted in the damage and destruction of 66 homes and the evacuation of hundreds of residents.

“On October 26, 2003, pursuant to Chapter 2.68 of the Los Angeles County Code, the Chief Administrative Officer proclaimed the existence of a local emergency as a result of the wildland fire. This proclamation was ratified by this Board on October 28, 2003.

“The buildings and structures which have been damaged or destroyed by the recent fires create a risk of unsafe and hazardous conditions which may endanger the public health, safety, and welfare.”

James A. Noyes, Director of Public Works addressed the Board.

Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Antonovich, seconded by Supervisor Yaroslavsky, unanimously carried, the Board took the following actions:

1. Made a finding pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2(b)(2), that there is a need to take immediate action and that the need for action came to the attention of the Board subsequent to the agenda being posted as specified in subdivision (a);
2. Made a finding that the abatement of unsafe and hazardous conditions arising from buildings or structures which were damaged or destroyed by the recent fires is necessary to respond to the emergency and that this emergency will not permit a delay resulting from a competitive solicitation for bids;

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3. Issued the attached Emergency Order No. 1, ordering that where the Director of Public Works or his duly authorized representative determines, after inspection, that a building or structure damaged or destroyed by the recent fires is unsafe and constitutes an immediate hazard, he shall abate the hazard immediately to protect the public health, safety, and welfare;
4. Authorized the Director of Public Works to negotiate and execute a contract or contracts with one or more private contractors, in an amount not to exceed \$1 million in the aggregate, to facilitate the demolition and removal of buildings or structures damaged or destroyed by the recent fires and approve an appropriation and revenue adjustment in the amount of \$1 million for these purposes; and
5. Instructed the Director of Public Works to seek recovery of the costs associated with this demolition and removal work by working with the affected insurance companies, Federal and State disaster relief agencies, and other sources.

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Attachment

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